

For in far foreign fields
from Dunkirk to Belgrade,
Lie the soldiers and chiefs
of the Irish Brigade

- Thomas Davis

These lines evoke the fate of the Wild Geese, men who left Ireland to seek her freedom overseas. In fact there have been many Irish brigades, fighting around the world in different armies.

At home we have experienced war and peace, suppression and independence, conflict and calm.

This permanent exhibition, uses original artefacts, letters, replicas and interactives to show how soldiering and war have affected the lives of Irish people.

There are three main themes:

- Soldiering in Ireland
- Soldiering Abroad
- Soldiering in the 20th and 21st Centuries

These are explored through the eyes of the Irish soldier and from that of civilians caught up in war and conflict here in Ireland.

Room 15
The British Army in Ireland

Explore the lives of soldiers and how the presence of the British Army affected life in Ireland.
The Stokes Tapestry



Room 16
Warfare in Ireland

Discover the major wars and rebellion in Ireland from 1550 to 1800.
Secret helmet



Room 17a
The Wild Geese

Migrant Irish soldiers have played important roles in armies across Europe for centuries.
The Dillon Regiment Flag



Room 17b
Irish in the American Civil War

Irish emigrants served in the armies of the American Civil War on both sides of the conflict.
69th Regiment kit



Room 18
Irish in the British Service

Explore the stories of Irishmen who served in the British Army across the world.
Red coat uniform: 71st Highland Regiment c.1816



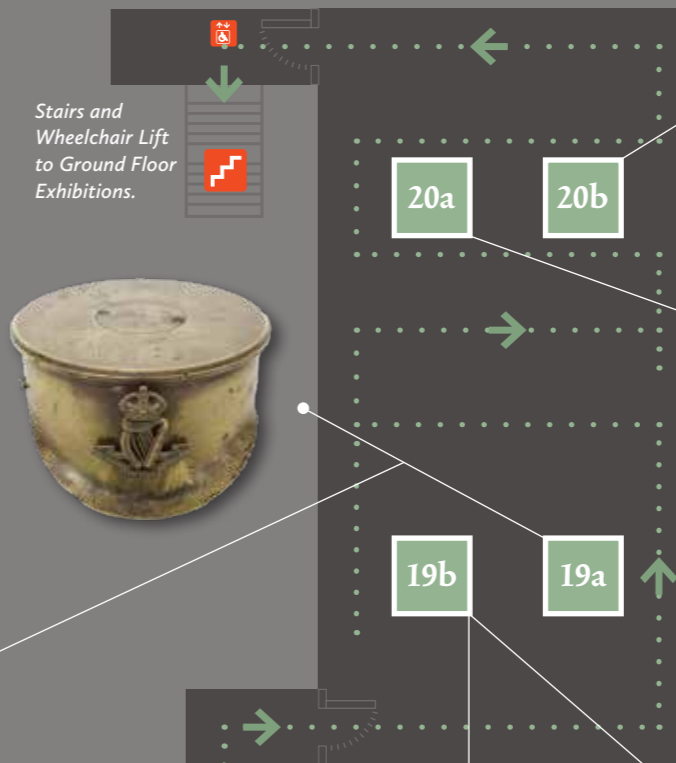
Room 19a
The Irish in the First World War

Over 200,000 Irishmen fought in the British Army in WWI, while thousands more Irishmen and women worked on war service at home.
Shell Base trench art: Munitionette Florence Lee



First Floor Plan

* Map NOT to Scale



Stairs and Wheelchair Lift to Ground Floor Exhibitions.

Stairs & Lift to Ground Floor and Toilets



Room 20b
The Irish Wars: Civil Wars

The Irish Civil War divided former comrades on the future of the Irish state.
Liam Lynch Uniform

Room 20a
The Irish Wars: War of Independence

Discover the fight for Ireland's independence through military action, civil disobedience, and intelligence warfare.
Pistol hidden in a book



Room 19b
1916: The Easter Rising

Meet the men and women of the 1916 Rising and uncover how it set a course towards Irish independence.
1916 Proclamation
Cumann na mBan badge



Stairs & Lift from Ground Floor Reception.



Entrance

Room 27a Exhibiting the Nation

Since opening in 2006 the Soldiers & Chiefs exhibition has been visited by over 2 million people.

Many have donated items to the museum and it is not possible to display all objects in the main exhibition. We have created this special exhibition space to display some of them here.

We are very grateful to the people who came forward with this material relating to their family history and we welcome enquiries about such donations.

Room 27b Temporary Exhibition Gallery

Ask at reception for information on current exhibitions.

Rooms 25 & 26 Recovered Voices; Stories of the Irish at War, 1914-1915

Uncover the Irish experience of WWI through the stories of these men and women and their service on the Front lines.

Recruitment Poster, 1915



Room 24 The Barracks Life Room

This room provides visitors with insights and opportunities to explore what life in the Barracks was like as a soldier in the 19th and 20th centuries.

There is a detailed reconstruction of how a barracks room would have looked in 1879 and 1943 and contains areas where visitors can try on costumes and handle objects, as well as exploring history using computer interactives.

Room 23 Defending the Peace

Explore the service of Irishmen and women on UN Peacekeeping missions.

UN Flakjacket



Room 22 The Emergency and WWII

Discover how WWII affected life in Ireland, and how Irishmen and women served abroad in foreign armies.

Irish Army Nurse's veil
Identification tags of an Irish soldier in the British Army



Room 21b The Irish Naval Service

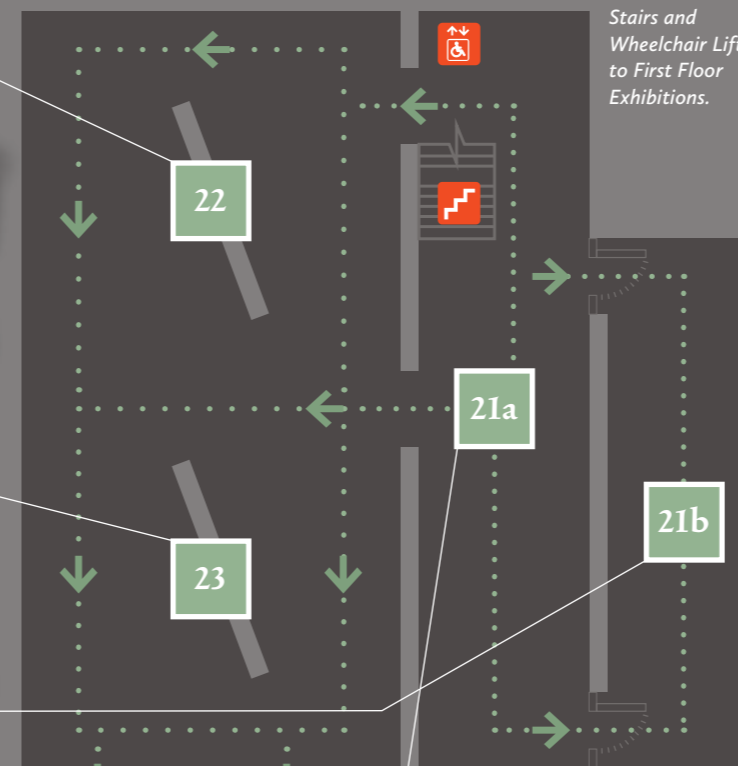
Discover the Irish naval service through the 19th and 20th centuries.

The Bantry Boat, 1796



Ground Floor Plan

* Map NOT to Scale



Stairs and Wheelchair Lift to First Floor Exhibitions.

Room 21a Claiming the Future

Explore the formation of the Irish Army in the new state.
Landsverk tank

Remembrance & Reflection

Stairs & Lift to First Floor Exhibition



General Information

Admission is Free

Access for Differently Able
All Museum galleries are completely wheelchair accessible and there are elevators located in each gallery wing.

Cloakroom
Cloakroom facilities are available at the main reception desk. There is no charge for this service.

Education and Outreach Programmes
Explore the Museum's collections through the Education and Outreach programmes, which include guided tours, workshops and demonstrations, 'Behind the Scenes' tours, lectures, handling sessions, activity sheets for children and families. For information on what's on at the Museum check our Calendar of Events.

Temporary Exhibitions
For information on current and forthcoming temporary exhibitions, please ask staff at the reception desk.

Museum Café
The Museum Café serves coffees, teas, pastries and a wide variety of sandwiches and delicious meals.

Open during Museum hours.



Museum Gift Shop
The gift shop stocks a comprehensive selection of books, gifts, postcards and specially commissioned jewellery, ceramics and textiles. It is located in the main reception area, and is open during Museum opening hours.

Exhibition Souvenir
An illustrated guidebook to the Soldiers and Chiefs exhibition is available in the Museum Gift Shop.



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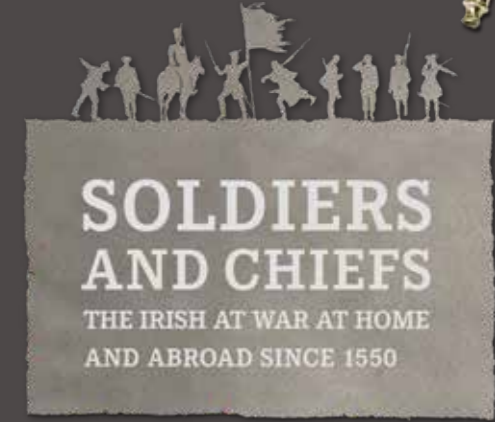
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Sunday & Monday 1pm to 5pm.
Tuesday to Saturday 10am to 5pm.

Closed:
Christmas Day & Good Friday.



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